

# Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



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Dear Friend:

Our economy is facing an economic crisis not seen since the Great Depression. With unemployment rising above eight percent and the economy shedding hundreds of thousands of jobs per month, Congress was compelled to act and did so in the form of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). While the recovery bill is not perfect—as legislation resulting from compromise rarely is—the combination of \$300 billion in tax cuts and \$500 billion in government investment will improve the economy in the short and long term. The legislation is expected to create or save 3.5 million jobs in the next two years, 148,000 of them in Illinois alone.

Due to the recovery legislation's immense scope, I have assembled this guide as a beginning point to assist individuals, businesses, community organizations, and local governments in finding resources made available to them by the economic recovery bill. Please keep in mind that while Congress appropriated funding, there are no earmarks in the bill, so individual lawmakers do not have the ability to set aside money for specific projects. Decisions regarding approval of funding and disbursements are up to the State of Illinois or federal agencies. I will continue to work with the state and federal agencies to ensure funding for projects that are tested, vetted, and worthy.

This guidebook is divided into fourteen sections. This guide will distinguish between the programs which are administered through federal agencies and those administered through state agencies. In most cases, the federal funding does not require a local match. I will continue to update and enrich this document as the Act is implemented by various agencies and more information becomes available.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act requires the White House to maintain a website, Recovery.Gov (<http://www.recovery.gov>), with detailed information on how recovery funds are being spent. The State of Illinois has also created a website regarding the recovery at <http://recovery.illinois.gov/>. I would encourage you to visit these websites for additional information.

I hope you'll find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to call my office with any questions, comments, or suggestions. Locally you can call 815-726-4998 or you may reach my DC office at 202-225-3635. You can also contact me via my website, [www.house.gov/halvorson](http://www.house.gov/halvorson), as well as find regular updates on what is happening in Congress.

Sincerely,



Debbie Halvorson  
Member of Congress

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## Tax Relief

More than 35 percent of the package will provide direct tax relief to about 95 percent of American workers, as President Obama pledged, and spur investment and job growth for American businesses.

In addition to the information found below, you may visit an IRS site devoted specifically to the recovery act at: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

## Individuals

### Extension of AMT Relief for 2009

The Act extends tax relief from the individual alternative minimum tax for 2009 by allowing nonrefundable credits to be claimed against the tax and by increasing the AMT exemption amount to \$70,950 for joint filers and \$46,700 for individuals.

### Making Work Pay Credit

For 2009 and 2010, qualifying taxpayers (i.e., anyone that is not a nonresident alien, a dependent on another taxpayer's return, or an estate or trust) are eligible for the "making work pay credit," in an amount equal to the lesser of 6.2 percent of the taxpayer's earned income or \$400 (\$800 for taxpayers filing jointly). This credit begins to phase out for individual taxpayers with adjusted gross income of \$75,000 and joint filers with adjusted gross income of \$150,000.

### One Time Economic Recovery Payment for Retirees

The Act provides a one-time \$250 payment to persons who were eligible for the following government benefits within the three months prior to enactment of the new law: social security benefits; railroad retirement benefits; veterans' compensation or pension benefits; and supplemental security income benefits. This one-time payment reduces any allowable Making Work Pay credit.

### Refundable Credit for Certain Government Retirees

For 2009, The Act provides a refundable \$250 credit (\$500 for taxpayers filing jointly who are both eligible for the credit) for retirees who receive a government pension or annuity from work not covered by Social Security and who weren't eligible to receive the One Time Economic Recovery Payment.

### Exclusion of Unemployment Income

For 2009, The Act provides that a taxpayer's gross income does not include the taxpayer's first \$2,400 of unemployment compensation.

### American Opportunity Tax Credit

For 2009 and 2010, The Act provides taxpayers a new "American Opportunity tax credit" of up to \$2,500 per year for qualified higher education expenses. The law makes 40 percent of the credit refundable. The credit may be applied against alternative minimum tax liability. The credit will be subject to phase out for individual taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income greater than \$80,000 (\$160,000 for taxpayers filing jointly)

### Modified Child Tax Credit

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The Act increases the portion of the child care tax credit that is refundable for 2009 and 2010 to 15 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income up to \$3,000.

### Changes in the Earned Income Tax Credit

For 2009 and 2010, the Act increases the credit percentage amount for the Earned Income Credit for families with three or more qualifying children from 40 percent to 45 percent of the taxpayer's first \$12,570 of earned income. The Act also adjusts upward the phase-out range of the credit for 2009 and 2010 to eliminate any marriage penalty.

### Refundable First-Time Home Buyer Credit

Last year, Congress provided taxpayers with a refundable tax credit that was equivalent to an interest-free loan equal to 10 percent of the purchase of a principal residence (up to \$7,500) by first-time home buyers. The provision applies to homes purchased on or after April 9, 2008 and before July 1, 2009. Taxpayers receiving this tax credit are currently required to repay any amount received under this provision back to the government over 15 years in equal installments, or earlier under certain circumstances (for example, when the home is sold). The credit phases out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$75,000 (\$150,000 in the case of a joint return).

The Act eliminates the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes on or after January 1, 2009, increases the maximum value of the credit to \$8,000, allows financing of the home purchase by mortgage revenue bonds (which was prohibited under the prior credit requirements) and extends the period for which home purchases are eligible through November 30, 2009. Like the pre-Act provision, the Act permits a taxpayer to claim the credit on the taxpayer's 2008 tax return for an eligible purchase in 2009. The Act requires a taxpayer to pay back the amount of the credit if the house is sold within three years of purchase. The Act does not eliminate the requirement that a homebuyer must be a "first time" homebuyer to qualify for the credit.

### Cost of Individual Provisions

The provisions listed under this heading as "Other Provisions of Interest to Individual Taxpayers," the provisions listed above under the heading "Provisions Indirectly Affecting Businesses," and the first-time homebuyer credit changes were estimated to cost \$247 billion over 10 years or approximately 82 percent of the total cost of the tax provisions in the tax title of the Act and the \$250 payments/credits in the Economic Recovery Payments to Individuals subtitle.

### Premium Assistance for COBRA Continuation

The Act provides premium assistance for COBRA continuation coverage for unemployed workers and their families. The assistance is a subsidy of up to 65 percent of cost for up to 9 months. The benefit is phased out for taxpayers with an adjusted gross income above \$125,000 (\$250,000 for joint filers).

## Energy Incentives

### Advanced Energy Credit

The Act establishes a new 30 percent investment tax credit for qualified investment in a "qualifying advanced energy project." A qualifying advanced energy project is a project that re-equips, expands or establishes a manufacturing facility for the production of (i) property designed to be used to produce energy from renewable resources, (ii) fuel cells, microturbines, or energy storage systems for use with electric or hybrid electric motor vehicles, (iii) electric grids to support the transmission of

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intermittent sources of renewable energy, (iv) property designed to capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions, (v) property designed to refine or blend renewable fuels or to produce energy conservation technologies, (vi) new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles, qualified plug-in electric vehicles or components designed to for use with such vehicles, or (vii) other advanced energy property designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

These generous credits are available only for projects certified by the Secretary of the Treasury under a program established in consultation with the Secretary of Energy. A competitive bidding process applies. Up to \$2.3 billion of credits can be certified.

### **Extension of Energy Credit for Electricity Produced from Renewable**

#### **Resources**

The Act includes a three-year extension of the renewable energy production tax credit for wind facilities (through December 31, 2012) and for closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities (through December 31, 2013).

### **Investment Credit in Lieu of Production Credit; Grants from Treasury**

Facilities that produce electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and marine renewable facilities are eligible for a production credit. The credit is spread over ten years and is dependent on the price for electricity. The Act permits owners of such facilities to claim a 30 percent investment tax credit when the property is placed in service in lieu of the production tax credit.

The Act permits taxpayers to receive grants from Treasury in lieu of production tax credits for certain renewable energy facilities and certain renewable energy property. The Treasury Department will issue a grant equal to 30 percent of the cost of the renewable energy facility within sixty days of the facility being placed in service (or, if later, within sixty days of receiving an application for the grant).

### **Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (“CREBs”)**

The Act authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion of clean renewable energy bonds to finance facilities that generate electricity from the following sources: wind, closed-loop biomass open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, marine renewables and trash combustion facilities. This authorization will be subdivided into thirds: 1/3 will be available for qualifying projects of State/local/tribal governments; 1/3 for qualifying projects of public power providers; and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives.

### **Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds**

The Act authorizes an additional \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance State, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other qualified conservation purposes.<sup>32</sup> The Act clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community projects and that for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy efficient property and recoup the costs of the property over an extended period of time.

### **Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes**

The Act extends through 2010 tax credits for improvements to energy-efficient existing homes. The Act increases the amount of the credit to 30 percent of the amount paid or incurred for qualified energy efficiency improvements. The Act eliminates the property-by-property dollar caps on the credits and provides an aggregate cap of \$1,500 on all property qualifying for the credit in a taxable

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year. The Act also updates the energy-efficiency standards for property qualifying for the credit.

### **Credits for Alternative Fueling Property**

The Act increases for 2009 and 2010 the 30 percent alternative refueling property credit for businesses to a 50 percent credit and increases the cap from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The credit for hydrogen refueling pumps remains at 30 percent, but the cap is raised to \$200,000. The Act also increases the 30 percent alternative refueling property credit for individuals to 50 percent and the cap from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for 2009 and 2010.

### **Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit<sup>35</sup>**

The Act expands and modifies tax credits for plug-in vehicles and accessories. First, the Act modifies the credit for plug-in vehicles. The base amount of the credit is \$2,500 and is increased if the vehicle draws propulsion from a battery with at least 5 kilowatt-hours capacity. This revised credit applies to vehicle purchases made after December 31, 2009. 36 Second, the Act allows a new credit of 10 percent of the cost of low-speed vehicles, motorcycles and 3-wheeled vehicles that would otherwise meet the criteria for qualified plug-in vehicle but for the fact that they are low speed or do not have four wheels, for purchases made after the date of enactment of the Act until December 31, 2011. The credit is capped at \$2,500. Third, the Act provides a credit for conversion of a vehicle into a plug-in vehicle through a conversion kit, in an amount equal to 10 percent of so much of the cost of converting that does not exceed \$40,000. The basis in a vehicle used in a trade or business will be reduced by any credit amount that is claimed with respect to that vehicle. In the case of a vehicle used by a tax-exempt entity or a governmental entity, the credit may be claimed by the seller of the vehicle.

### **Parity for Transit Benefits**

The Act equalizes the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking from March 2011 through December 2010. The benefits are set at \$230 per month for 2009 and indexed for 2010.

## **S Corporations and Small Business Tax Relief**

### **S Corporation Built-in Gains**

The Act includes a temporary reduction in the built-in gains tax period for S corporations. Under present law, an S corporation that sells assets within ten years of converting from C corporation to S corporation status is subject to the built-in gains tax, a corporate tax on the built-in gain that existed at the time of the S election. The Act reduces the 10-year period to 7 years for sales occurring in tax years beginning in 2009 and 2010.

### **Qualified Small Business Stock**

The Act increases the exclusion from income for gain on the sale of certain small business stock held by individuals for more than five years from 50 percent to 75 percent. The benefit would apply to stock issued after enactment and before 2011.

### **Estimated Taxes for Small Businesses**

The Act reduces the required estimated tax payments for 2009 for individuals receiving income from small businesses. The provision applies to an individual if the adjusted gross income shown on the

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individual's return for 2008 was less than \$500,000 and the individual certifies that more than half of the gross income shown on the individual's return for 2008 was income from a small business with average employment of less than 500.

### General Business Tax Provisions

#### Expansion of Work Opportunity Tax Credit

The Act expands the work opportunity tax credit to include credits for hiring two new targeted groups of employees -- unemployed veterans and disconnected youth -- who begin work for the employer in 2009 or 2010. An individual qualifies as an unemployed veteran if he or she was released from active duty in the Armed Forces during the five-year period before hiring and he or she received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. A "disconnected youth" is an individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who has not been regularly employed or attended school in the six months preceding hiring and who is "not readily employable by reason of lacking a sufficient number of basic skills."

#### Net Operating Losses

The Act extends the carryback period for net operating losses for a taxable year ending in 2008 (or at the taxpayer's election, a taxable year beginning in 2008) from two years to five years, but only for businesses that have \$15 million or less in gross receipts.

#### Bonus Depreciation

In general, businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than ordinary tax depreciation rules would allow by permitting these businesses to immediately write off 50 percent of the cost of depreciable property acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The Act extends this temporary benefit for one year, generally through 2009 (through 2010 for certain long-lived and transportation property).

The Act also extends through 2009 the temporary increase to \$250,000 of the amount of depreciable property that small and medium size businesses can expense (i.e., deduct immediately). This benefit is phased out if expenditures on depreciable property exceed \$800,000.

#### Monetization of Accumulated AMT and R&D Credits in Lieu of Bonus Depreciation

The Act extends through 2009 (2010 for certain aircraft and long-production-period property) a provision included in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act that allows taxpayers to elect to forgo bonus depreciation and instead claim additional alternative minimum tax ("AMT") and research credits that they may not otherwise be able to use because of limitations on the use of such credits.

Under this provision, the research or AMT credit limitation for electing corporate taxpayers is increased by 20 percent of the bonus depreciation that could otherwise be claimed. The amount is capped at the lesser of 6 percent of (i) outstanding and unused AMT and R&D credits and (ii) \$30 million.

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A taxpayer that made the election under the prior act for the first tax year ending after March 31, 2008, may elect to not have the election apply to extension property, i.e., property eligible for the election solely by reason of the amendments made by the Act.

### **Government Contractor Withholding**

For payments made after December 31, 2010, current law requires withholding at a 3 percent rate on certain payments made by Federal, State and local governments to contractors providing property or services to the government. The withholding is required regardless of whether the government entity making the payment is the recipient of the property or services, although those with less than \$100 million in annual expenditures for property or services are exempt.

### **Deferral of Income from Discharge of Indebtedness**

Under present law, a taxpayer generally recognizes income when the taxpayer cancels or repurchases a debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price or when debt is forgiven. Various exceptions apply to the general rule. The Act allows certain businesses to elect to defer recognition of cancellation of indebtedness income (“CODI”) on the “reacquisition” of business debt instruments during 2009 or 2010. The business would defer the CODI for five years in the case of 2009 reacquisition or four years in the case of 2010 reacquisition and then recognize the CODI ratably in income over the following five years.

The new provision applies to debt instruments issued by a C corporation or by any other person in connection with the conduct of a trade or business. A debt instrument is defined as a bond, debenture, note certificate, or any other instrument or contractual arrangement constituting indebtedness.

A “reacquisition” is an acquisition of a debt instrument by the debtor that issued (or is otherwise the obligor under) the debt instrument or a related person to such debtor. The term “acquisition” includes an acquisition for cash, the exchange of the debt instrument or another debt instrument, the exchange of a debt instrument or corporate stock or a partnership interest, and the contribution of the debt instrument to capital. “Acquisition” also includes complete forgiveness of the indebtedness.

### **Modification of Rules for OID on High Yield Obligations**

The Act suspends special rules for original issue discount (“OID”) contained in Section 163(e)(5) of the Code in the case of any “applicable high yield discount obligation” (“AHYDO”) issued during the period beginning September 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009 in exchange for an obligation which was not an AHYDO and the issuer of which is the same as the issuer of the AHYDO. Section 163(e)(5) ordinarily denies a deduction for a portion of the OID on an AHYDO instrument.

The Act gives the Treasury the authority beginning in 2010 to use a higher rate than prescribed by the Code for purposes of determining whether a debt instrument has a yield that will subject it to the AHYDO rules.

## **Bond Provisions**

### **Recovery Zone Bonds**

The Act creates two new categories of bonds for investment in national recovery zones - recovery

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zone economic development bonds and recovery zone facility bonds.

Recovery zone economic development bonds are a new type of tax credit bond that may be issued for qualified economic development purposes, i.e., promoting development or other economic activity in a recovery zone. Recovery zone facility bonds are a new type of tax-exempt private activity bond for capital investments in national recovery zones.

The Act authorizes a \$10 billion total allocation for recovery zone economic development bonds and a \$15 billion total allocation for recovery zone facility bonds. These bonds could be issued during 2009 and 2010. Each State would receive a share of the national allocation based on that State's job losses in 2008 as a percentage of national job losses in 2008. The State allocation would be sub-allocated to local municipalities.

### **Modification to Tax-exempt Interest Expense Rules for Financial Institutions**

Financial institutions are not allowed to take a deduction for the portion of their interest expense that is allocable to the institution's investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds. For purposes of this interest disallowance rule, bonds that are issued by "qualified small issuers" are not taken into account as investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds. Under current law, a "qualified small issuer" is defined as any issuer that reasonably anticipates that the amount of its tax-exempt obligations (other than certain private activity bonds) will not exceed \$10 million. The Act increases this dollar threshold to \$30 million when determining whether a tax-exempt obligation issued in 2009 and 2010 qualifies for this small issuer exception. The small issuer exception would also apply to an issue if all of the ultimate borrowers in such issue would separately qualify for the exception. Under the Act, for purposes of determining whether an issuer meets the requirements of the small issuer exception, qualified 501(c)(3) bonds issued in 2009 or 2010 are treated as if they were issued by the 501(c)(3) organization for whose benefit they were issued (and not by the actual issuer of such bonds).

The Act provides a new 2 percent safe harbor for the interest disallowance rule for financial institutions. Under the safe harbor, tax-exempt obligations issued during 2009 and 2010 that do not exceed 2 percent of the adjusted basis of the financial institution's assets are not taken into account for purposes of the interest disallowance rule.

### **Qualified School Construction Bonds**

The Act creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder in 2010).

Allocations of the national limitation of qualified school construction bonds are divided between the States and certain large school districts. The States receive 60 percent of the national limitation for a calendar year and the remaining 40 percent of the national limitation for a calendar year is allocated to certain large local educational agencies

Qualified school construction bonds must meet the following three requirements:

100 percent of the available project proceeds of the bond issue is used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land on which such a bond-financed facility is to be constructed;

the bond is issued by a State or local government within which such school is located; and  
the issuer designates such bonds as a qualified school construction bond.

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## Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

The Act allows an additional \$1.4 billion of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (“QZAB”) issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy.

In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below the college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of tax-free interest.

## Industrial Development Bonds

The Act, for purposes of industrial development bonds, expands the definition of “manufacturing facility” to include any facility used to create, produce or manufacture intangible property, including any patent, copyright, formula, process, design, knowhow, format, or other similar item. The provision would also treat any functionally related and subordinate manufacturing facility that is located on the same site as the manufacturing facility as a “manufacturing facility” for these purposes.

The Act also describes those physical components of a manufacturing facility that are “ancillary” and subject to a 25 percent limitation in the amount of bond issuance used to build or reconstruct such components.

## Alternative Minimum Tax

Interest on private activity bonds is generally treated as an item of tax preference under the minimum tax and included in income for purposes of calculating alternative minimum taxable income. Under the Act, interest on private activity bonds issued during 2009 and 2010 will not be treated as a preference item for purposes of calculating alternative minimum taxable income.

## Tax Credit Bonds

Tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to State and local governments by reducing the cash interest payments that a State or local government must make on its debt. Tax credit bonds differ from tax-exempt bonds in that interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable, and a portion of such interest takes the form of a tax credit. The tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that a State and local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. The Act, for 2009 and 2010, provides State and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt bond. Bonds issued under this provision are known as Build America Bonds.

The Act also permits State and local governments to elect to receive a direct payment from the Federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the tax credit for bonds. The Act provides transitional rules for coordination with State law. The Act provides that until a State provides otherwise, the interest on any taxable governmental bond and the amount of any credit under such bond is treated as exempt from Federal income tax for State income tax law purposes.

The Act adds a new Code section that permits regulated investment companies to pass through to their shareholders credits from tax credit bonds. The new provision also allows the tax credits from tax credit bonds to pass through to beneficiaries of real estate investment trusts (REITS).

## Provisions Indirectly Benefiting Businesses

### Computers as Qualified Education Expenses in Section 529 Plans

The Act expands the definition of “qualified higher expenses” under Section 529 of the Code to include expenses paid or incurred in 2009 or 2010 for the purchase of any computer technology or equipment or Internet access and related services if such technology, equipment or services are to be used by the beneficiary of the Section 529 account and the beneficiary’s family during any of the years the beneficiary is enrolled at an eligible institution. That means that funds can be withdrawn tax-free from Section 529 accounts for such use in 2009 or 2010.

### Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases

The Act provides taxpayers who itemize deductions (and do not deduct sales taxes in lieu of income taxes) with an itemized deduction for State and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles in 2009. Taxpayers who do not itemize also may claim the deduction as an increased standard deduction. The deduction is phased out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 for a joint return). Only taxes attributable to the portion of the purchase price that does not exceed \$49,500 may be deducted.

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## Transportation

Illinois will receive over \$1.5 billion dollars in transportation funding. A large portion of this funding will be distributed through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764  
(217) 782-7820  
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/stimulus/index.html>

For specific information regarding the distribution of funding, to submit a project for funding, or to ask a question related to the ARRA, please visit <http://www.dot.state.il.us/stimulus/index.html>.

IDOT has nine districts, four of which are in the 11th Congressional District.

District 1: Will County  
Christopher Holt, Bureau Chief  
201 West Center Ct  
Schaumburg, IL 60196  
Tel. 847/705-4201  
Fax. 847/705-4203

District 3: Grundy, Kankakee, Bureau, La Salle, and Livingston Counties  
Kenneth Lang, Local Roads Engineer  
700 East Norris Drive  
Ottawa, Illinois 61350-0697  
Tel. 815/434-8402  
Fax. 815/434-8484

District 4 & 5: McLean, Woodford  
Joseph E. Crowe, Deputy Director  
401 Main  
Peoria, Illinois 61602-1111  
Tel. 309/671-3333

### Grant:

#### Highway Improvement Programs

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Amount:        | \$27.5 billion nationally, \$935,592,704 for Illinois  |
| Type:          | Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub allocated by population areas. |
| Administrator: | IDOT   |

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**Purpose:** For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.

**Eligible Recipients:** State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

**Website:** <http://www.dot.state.il.us/stimulus/index.html>  
<http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>  
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery>

**Contact:** <http://www.dot.state.il.us/Email/Email.asp?from=33>  
(217)782-7820

### **Grant:**

#### **Transit Capital Assistance**

**Amount:** \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants, \$467,537,681 to Illinois.

**Type:** Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula

**Administrator:** Federal Transit Administration

**Purpose:** These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities

**Eligible Recipients:** Designated recipients – generally transit agencies, State DOTs

**Website:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

**Contact:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

### **Grant:**

#### **Fixed Guideway Modernization**

**Amount:** \$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.

**Type:** Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.

**Administrator:** Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

**Purpose:** These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

**Eligible Recipients:** Public bodies, generally transit authorities or State DOTs

**Website:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3558.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html)

**Contact:** FTA Office of Program Management, (202) 366-4020

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### Grant:

#### Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)

Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.  
Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction  
Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities  
Eligible Recipients: Public bodies, generally transit authorities or State DOTs  
Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3590.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html)  
Contact: FTA Office of Program Management, (202) 366-4020

### Grant:

#### Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.  
Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.  
Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Purpose: To provide capital assistance for transit  
Eligible Recipients: Designated recipients – generally transit agencies, State DOTs  
Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)  
Contact: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

### Grant:

#### National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System.  
Type: Discretionary competitive grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
Purpose: To provide funding for projects, including highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments, of national or regional significance.  
Eligible Recipients: States, local governments, transit agencies  
Websites: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: DOT – Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
(202) 366-4000

### Grant:

#### Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.

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Type: Discretionary grants for state government  
Administrator: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Purpose: To provide funding for intercity and high speed passenger rail capital projects  
Eligible Recipients: States  
Website: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/stimulus/index.html>  
Contact: (217)782-7820

### Grant:

#### Capital Grants to Amtrak

Amount: \$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements  
Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak  
Administrator: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars)  
Eligible Recipients: Amtrak  
Website: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)  
Contact: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/>

### Grant:

#### Federal Aviation Administration - Airport infrastructure improvements

Amount: \$1.1 billion  
Type: Competitive grants  
Administrator: Federal Aviation Administration  
Purpose: Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion  
Eligible Recipients: Airports  
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

### Grant:

#### Federal Aviation Administration -- Improve FAA power systems

Amount: \$200 million  
Type: Competitive awards and grants  
Administrator: Federal Aviation Administration

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Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system -- \$50 million, modernize aging air traffic control centers -- \$50 million, replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS -- \$80 million, install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment -- \$20 million

Eligible Recipients: Airports and private entities

Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Contact: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

**Grant:** **Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards**

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Competitive grants

Administrator: Department of Transportation

Purpose: grants for investments and improvements

Eligible Recipients: Qualified shipyards

Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Contact: Qualified shipyards

## Environment

**Grant:**

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)**

Amount: \$4 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, \$180 million for Illinois wastewater infrastructure projects. ARRA funding is limited to 50% of project or \$10 million cap, whichever is less.

Type: Formula grants to States; project grants from each State SRF.

Administrator: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: To build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.

Eligible Recipients: State Revolving Fund programs

Website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html>

Contact: Geoff Andres, Bureau of Water  
217-782-2027

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### Grants:

#### **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)**

Amount: \$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, \$80 million for Illinois drinking water projects. ARRA funding is limited to 50% of project or \$5 million cap, whichever is less.

Type: Formula grants to States; project grants from each State SRF

Administrator: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: To provide supplemental capital funding for State Revolving Funds

Eligible Recipients: State Revolving Fund programs

Website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html>

Contact: Geoff Andres, Bureau of Water  
217-782-2027

### Grants:

#### **Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up**

Amount: \$100 million was included for Brownfields projects, \$4 million to fund Illinois cleanup activities and \$1 million for assessment grants.

Type: Project grants (cooperative agreements)

Administrator: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization; Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Purpose: To provide supplemental funding for projects authorized by CERCLA

Eligible Recipients: Indian tribes, State and local governments, quasi-governmental authorities, universities and colleges, industry, and other public and private institutions and individuals

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery/index.htm>  
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/brownfields/>

Contact: Steve Colantino, Office of Brownfields Assistance  
217-782-6761

### Grant:

#### **Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup**

Amount: \$600 million

Type: Project grants (cooperative agreements)

Administrator: EPA, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Purpose: To provide supplemental funding for Superfund

Eligible Recipients: States (and political subdivisions thereof), Commonwealths, U.S. Territories and Possessions, and Federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, including intertribal consortia

Website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html>

Contact: Illinois EPA, Bureau of Land  
217-782-3362

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### Grant:

#### **Diesel Emission Reduction Program**

Amount: \$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants, \$6-\$12 million for Illinois clean diesel projects.

Type: Competitive grants; fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs

Administrator: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Air and Radiation

Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel.

Eligible Recipients: A regional, State, local or tribal agency or port authority with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality; and a nonprofit organization or institution that represents or provides pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets; or has, as its principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality are eligible for assistance under this program. City, county, or municipal agencies, school districts, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality are all eligible entities under this program

Website: [www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm](http://www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm)

Contacts: Darwin Burkhart, Bureau of Air  
217-524-5008

### Grants:

#### **Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust**

Amount: \$200 million, \$8 million for Illinois.

Type: Formula grants

Administrator: Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Underground Storage Tanks, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Purpose: Formula grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program

Eligible Recipients: States and Federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, including intertribal consortia

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/swrust1/ltffacts.htm>

Contacts: Steve Colantino, Illinois EPA  
217-785-3497

### Grants:

#### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction**

Amount: \$2 billion for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.

Type: Discretionary allocations to Corps projects; funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.

Administrator: Secretary of the Army - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Purpose: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.

Eligible Recipients: Army Corps, for managed projects, programs and activities normally funded by Energy and Water Appropriations Acts

Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact: Rock Island: 309-794-4200

### Grants:

#### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance**

Amount: \$2 billion was included United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities.

Type: Discretionary allocations to Corps projects; funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.

Administrator: Secretary of the Army - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Purpose: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps.

Eligible Recipients: Corps projects, activities and programs normally funded by Energy and Water Appropriations Acts

Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact: Rock Island: 309-794-4200

### Grants:

#### **Watershed Infrastructure**

Amount: \$340 million

Type: Loans

Administrator: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Purpose: Watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones

Eligible Recipients: Sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects; Local organization means any State, political subdivision thereof, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof, or any other agency having authority under State law to carry out, maintain and operate the works of improvement; or any irrigation or reservoir company, water users' association, or similar organization having such authority and not being operated for profit that may be approved by the Secretary; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization having authority under Federal, State, or Indian tribal law to carry out, maintain, and operate the works of improvement

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>

Contact: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>

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### Grants:

#### **Rural Water and Waste Disposal**

Amount: \$1.38 billion in new budget authority  
Type: Direct loans and grants  
Administrator: Department of Agriculture -- State Administrators  
Purpose: To provide funding for rural waste, waste water and waste disposal programs to support \$3.788 billion in loans and grants for water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas  
Eligible Recipients: Public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, and corporations not operated for profit  
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>  
Contact: Patrick Lydic  
217-403-6209

## Energy

#### **Illinois Incentives Renewable and Efficient Energy**

For information on Illinois Incentives for Renewable and Efficiency please visit:  
[www.illinoisenergy.org](http://www.illinoisenergy.org)

Please also visit the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Information Center <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/informationcenter/> or call 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

### Grants:

#### **State Energy Efficiency Programs**

Amount: \$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program.  
Type: States receive funding through a formula  
Administrator: Illinois Department of Commerce – Bureau of Energy & Recycling  
Purpose: States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies  
Eligible Recipients: As determined by States under existing guidelines  
Website: [www.illinoisenergy.org](http://www.illinoisenergy.org)  
Contact: [www.illinoisenergy.org](http://www.illinoisenergy.org)  
DCEO.Recovery@Illinois.gov

### Grants:

#### **Weatherization Assistance Program**

Amount: \$5 billion

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Type: States receive funding through a formula  
Administrator: Illinois Department of Commerce (IDC) – Bureau of Energy & Recycling  
Purpose: To install energy efficiency improvements in the homes of low-income families to reduce their energy bills  
Eligible Recipients: As determined by IDC under existing guidelines  
Website: [www.weatherizationillinois.com](http://www.weatherizationillinois.com)  
Contact: Randy Bennett  
217-558-2889

### Grants:

#### Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Amount: \$3.2 billion (\$2.8 billion formula; \$400,000 competitive)  
Type: Formula & competitive  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
Purpose: Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.  
Eligible Recipients: States (to receive 28 percent of formula funding), eligible units of local governments (68 percent of formula), and tribes (2 percent of formula)  
Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm)  
Contact: [www.illinoisenergy.org](http://www.illinoisenergy.org)  
[DCEO.Recovery@Illinois.gov](mailto:DCEO.Recovery@Illinois.gov)  
1-877-EERE-INFO (1-877-337-3463)

### Grants:

#### Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Amount: \$16.8 billion was included for EERE  
Type: Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)  
Purpose: 10 energy programs, including the Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program  
Eligible Recipients: private sector, state and local governments, national labs, and universities  
Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state\\_specific\\_information.cfm/state=IL](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=IL)

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[www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

Contact 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

## **EERE Program:**

### **Biomass Program**

Amount: \$800 million  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)  
Purpose: Applied research, development, demonstration and deployment activities  
Website: <http://www.energy.gov/energysources/bioenergy.htm>

## **EERE Program:**

### **Geothermal Technologies Program**

Amount: \$400 million  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)  
Purpose: Applied research, development, demonstration and deployment activities  
Website: <http://www.energy.gov/energysources/geothermal.htm>

## **Grants:**

### **Advanced Battery Manufacturing**

Amount: \$2 billion  
Type: Competitive grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)  
Purpose: For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers  
Eligible Recipients: Manufacturers and others determined eligible by Department of Energy  
Website: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)  
Contact: 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

## **Grants:**

### **Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program**

Amount: \$300 million  
Type: Competitive Grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program  
Purpose: To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies. Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled

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vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant also eligible.

Eligible Recipients: State governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities](http://www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities)

Contact: 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

### Grants:

#### Transportation Electrification

Amount: \$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Type: Competitive grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Purpose: To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment

Eligible Recipients: States, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities

Website: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)

Contact: 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

### Grants:

#### Smart Grid Investment Program

Amount: \$4.5 billion

Type: Various

Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Purpose: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.

Eligible Recipients: The Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability projects are planned and implemented in concert with partners from other Federal programs; electric utilities; equipment manufacturers; regional, state, and local agencies; national laboratories; and universities.

Website: [www.oe.energy.gov](http://www.oe.energy.gov)  
[www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm)

Contact: Office of Electricity, Delivery and Energy Reliability  
(202) 586-1411

### Grants:

#### Fossil Energy Research and Development Program (FERD)

Amount: \$3.4 billion

Type: competitive grants and contracts

Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Fossil Energy

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Purpose: Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.

Eligible Recipients: Universities & private sector

Website: <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/aboutus/budget/stimulus.html>

Contact: Office of Fossil Energy  
(202) 586-6660

### **FERD Program:**

#### **Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants**

Amount: \$800 million

Type: Competitive grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Fossil Energy

Purpose: for the Clean Coal Power Initiative Round III Funding Opportunity

Eligible Recipients: To date, no further details have been released

Website: <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/>

Contact: Office of Fossil Energy  
(202) 586-6660

### **FERD Program:**

#### **Industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects**

Amount: \$1.52 million

Type: Competitive grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Fossil Energy

Purpose: A range of industrial carbon capture and energy efficiency improvement projects, including a small allocation for innovative concepts for beneficial carbon reuse

Eligible Recipients: To date, no further details have been released

Website: <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/>

Contact: Office of Fossil Energy  
(202) 586-6660

### **FERD Program:**

#### **Grants for identifying sites to store carbon dioxide emissions**

Amount: \$50 million

Type: Competitive grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Fossil Energy

Purpose: for site characterization activities in geologic formations

Eligible Recipients: To date, no further details have been released

Website: <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/>

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Contact: Office of Fossil Energy  
(202) 586-6660

### Grants:

#### Science Program

Amount: \$1.6 billion  
Type: Competitive grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Science  
Purpose: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences  
Eligible Recipients: Universities, companies, and national laboratories  
Website: [www.science.doe.gov](http://www.science.doe.gov)  
<http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>  
Contact: Office of Science  
202-586-5430  
<http://www.sc.doe.gov/Contact/index.htm>

### Grants:

#### Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

Amount: \$400 million  
Type: Awards  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy  
Purpose: To develop and deploy advanced energy technologies by identifying and promoting revolutionary advances in fundamental sciences, translating those discoveries into technological innovations, and accelerating transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake.  
Eligible Recipients: Institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.  
Website: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)  
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy  
1-800-dial-DOE

### Loan:

#### Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program

Amount: \$6 billion  
Type: Loan guarantees  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Loan Guarantee Program  
Purpose: To promote use of renewable technology to produce electricity and transportation fuels  
Eligible Recipients: Any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-Federal entity that meets specific guidelines  
Website: <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>

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Contact: U.S. Department of Energy - Loan Guarantee Program  
202-586-8336

### Grants:

#### Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup

Amount: \$5.127 billion  
Type: awards based on priorities  
Administrator: Department of Energy - Office of Environmental Management  
Purpose: accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities  
Eligible Recipients: established by Dept. of Energy  
Website: <http://www.em.doe.gov/emrecovery/EMRecovery.aspx>  
Contact: Cynthia Anderson, Dept. of Energy - Office of Environmental Management  
202-586-0738

### Grants:

#### Training of electric grid workers

Amount: \$100 million  
Type: To date, no further details have been released  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability  
Purpose: Workforce training for smart grid workers  
Eligible Recipients: Partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' groups, and state and local governments  
Website: [www.oe.energy.gov](http://www.oe.energy.gov)  
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy - Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability  
202-586-1411

### Bonds:

#### Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

Amount: \$1.6 billion  
Type: Tax-credit bonds  
Administrator: Internal Revenue Service  
Purpose: Creates interest-free financing for facilities that generate electricity from the following sources: wind, closed-loop biomass open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation, hydropower, landfill gas, marine renewables and trash combustion facilities.  
Eligible Recipients: State, local, tribal governments, public power providers, electric cooperatives  
Website: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)  
Contact: 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

### Bonds:

#### Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

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Amount: \$2.4 billion  
Type: tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures  
Administrator: Internal Revenue Service  
Purpose: Very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns  
Eligible Recipients: To date, no further details have been released  
Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=12249](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249)  
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>  
Contact: 1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

## Housing

### Grants:

#### Public Housing Capital Fund

Amount: \$4 billion  
Type: Competitive & formula grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
Purpose: Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements  
\$4 billion to be distributed to public housing agencies for capital repairs and improvements to federally-subsidized public housing. \$1 billion was also included for competitive grants for priority investments, including that leverage private-sector financing for renovations and energy conservation retrofits.  
Eligible Recipients: Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcfund.cfm>  
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcapfundh.cfm>  
Contact: HUD - Office of Capital Improvements  
(202) 708-1112

### Grants:

#### Homelessness Prevention Fund

Amount: \$1.5 billion  
Type: Formula grants  
Administrator: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
Purpose: Provide basic shelter and essential supportive services to homeless persons, and short-term homeless prevention assistance to persons at imminent risk of losing their own housing due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoffs.

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Eligible Recipients: States, large cities, urban counties, and territories as regularly designated ESG recipients pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm>  
Contact: HUD – Office of Community Planning and Development  
(202) 708-1112

### Grants:

#### Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Amount: \$1 billion  
Type: Formula grant  
Administrator: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
HUD – Office of Community Planning and Development  
Purpose: Provide funding for standard allowable CDBG activities meeting low-income benefit requirements.  
Eligible Recipients: Entitlement Communities having received funding in Fiscal Year 2008  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>  
Contact: HUD – Office of Community Planning and Development  
(202) 708-1112

### Grants:

#### Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Amount: \$2 billion  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator : U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
HUD - Office of Community Planning and Development  
Purpose: To provide funding to for purchase, rehabilitation, and re-occupancy of foreclosed homes, including financing mechanisms, and allowing land banking and demolition.  
Eligible Recipients: Local governments, States, and non-profits (or consortia of nonprofits, which may partner with for-profit entities)  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/nspg.cfm>  
Contact: HUD – Office of Community Planning and Development  
(202) 708-1112

### Grants:

#### Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Amount: \$100 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development  
HUD - Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

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Purpose: To provide funding to abate lead-based hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing, with various targeting factors by program

Eligible Recipients: Local governments, States, housing authorities, Tribes, institutions of higher education, for-profit firms (not allowed to profit from activity), depending on program

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/healthy-homes.cfm>

Contact: HUD – Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control  
(202) 708-1112

### Grants:

#### **HOME Investment Partnership Program**

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Type: Competitive grant

Administrator: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Provide capital investments in low-income housing tax credit projects

Eligible Recipients: Affordable housing developers of qualified projects that, within a certain timeframe, received or simultaneously receive a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
202- 708-1112

### Grants:

#### **Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)**

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Type: Formula grant to State agencies; allocated competitively by State

Administrator: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects

Eligible Recipients: State Housing Credit Agencies that administer the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
202- 708-1112

### Grants:

#### **Home Weatherization Assistance Program**

Amount: \$5 billion

Type: Formula grants

Administrator: Department of Energy (DOE)  
DOE – Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Purpose: To install energy efficiency improvements in the homes of low income families to reduce their energy bills

Eligible Recipients: States

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Website: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/recovery\\_act.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/recovery_act.cfm)

Contact: Jean Diggs, Department of Energy – Weatherization  
(202) 586-8506

### Loans:

#### **Rural Housing Insurance Fund**

Amount: \$200 million

Type: Direct and guaranteed loans

Administrator: Rural Housing Services

Purpose: Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites

Eligible Recipients: Rental housing insured loans – Farm owner or to a public or private nonprofit organization  
Farm labor housing insured loans – Individuals, corporations, associations, trusts, or partnerships

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
202- 708-1112

### Loans and Grants:

#### **Rural Community Facilities**

Amount: \$130 million

Type: Loans and grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Purpose: To support loans and grants authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for rural community facilities including hospitals, health clinics, health and safety vehicles and equipment, public buildings, and child and elder care facilities

Eligible Recipients: Multi-State, regional, private, non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Contact: Patrick Lydic  
217-403-6209

## Small Business / Economic Development

### Loan:

#### **Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee and 504 Loan Programs**

Amount: \$375 million

Type: Loan

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Administrator: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Purpose: For temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan programs.

To ensure small businesses maintain access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.

To ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans for fixed asset projects, such as purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.

Eligible Recipients: Qualified small businesses

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>  
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/>  
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html>

Phone: Small Business Administration  
(800) 827-5722

### Grant:

#### Business Stabilization Program

Amount: \$225 million

Type: Grant

Administrator: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Purpose: To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship

Eligible Recipients: Qualified small businesses

Website: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

Phone: Small Business Administration  
(800) 827-5722

### Grant:

#### Economic Development Assistance

Amount: \$150 million, with \$50 million for economic adjustment assistance

Type: Competitive Grants

Administrator: Department of Commerce (DOC)  
Economic Development Administration

Purpose: To leverage private investment, stimulate employment and increase incomes in economically distressed communities

Eligible Recipients: City or political subdivision of a State, State, public or private non-profit organization or association, district organization, Indian tribe or consortium of Indian tribes, private individual or for-profit organization

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>  
<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

Phone: DOC – Economic Development Administration, Illinois Regional Office

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Pedro R. Garza, Regional Director  
(312) 353-7706  
DOC – Recovery Team  
[recovery@doc.gov](mailto:recovery@doc.gov)

**Grant:** **Community Development Financial Institutions**

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Competitive grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

Purpose: To provide additional capital funding for economic development, business development, and commercial real estate development; affordable housing development and homeownership; and community financial services to underserved communities

Eligible Recipients: Certified Community Development Entity or Community Development Financial Institution, per Treasury processes

Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/>

Phone: CDFI  
(202) 622-2455

**Loan:** **Micro-Loan Program**

Amount: \$6 million

Type: Loan

Administrator: Small Business (SBA)

Purpose: Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers.

Eligible Recipients: Qualified small businesses

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html>

Phone: Small Business Administration  
(800) 827-5722

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## Job Training & Unemployment

The Recovery Act provides an increase in unemployment benefits for all eligible individuals of \$25 per week. These extra benefits are 100 percent federally-funded.

On February 26, the Labor Department announced that the implementation of this provision was beginning in some states as early as the week of March 1. Over the next several weeks, all states will be implementing this increase. The \$25 weekly increase is retroactive, covering weeks of unemployment beginning February 22.

For more information, please contact the Illinois Department of employment security at <http://www.ides.state.il.us/> and 1-888-367-4382.

### Grants:

#### Employment Training Services for Adults

Amount: \$500 million  
Type: Formula grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)  
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Purpose: To provide funding for adult employment and training activities, including supportive services and needs-related payments  
Eligible Recipients: States, with 85% suballocation to local Workforce Investment Boards  
Website: <http://www2.illinoisbiz.biz/econ/default.htm>  
Contact: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
312-814-7179

### Grants:

#### Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services

Amount: \$1.25 billion  
Type: Formula grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)  
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Purpose: To provide funding for employment and training programs for eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own or have received an official layoff notice  
Eligible Recipients: States, with 85% suballocation to local Workforce Investment Boards  
Website: <http://www2.illinoisbiz.biz/econ/default.htm>  
Contact: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
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### Grants:

#### **Employment Training Services for Youths**

Amount: \$1.2 billion  
Type: Formula grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)  
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Description: To provide funding for youth training and employment activities, including summer employment, occupational skills, counseling, mentoring, supportive services, etc.  
Eligible Recipients: States, with 85% suballocation to local Workforce Investment Boards  
Website: <http://www2.illinoisbiz.biz/econ/default.htm>  
Contact: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
312-814-7179

### Grants:

#### **Unemployment Insurance (Reemployment Services )**

Amount: \$250 million  
Type: Formula grants  
Administration: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)  
DOLETA – Office of Adult Services  
Purpose: Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.  
Website: <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner\\_Peyser.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm)  
<http://www.doleta.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: DOLETA –Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services

### Grants:

#### **National Emergency Grants**

Amount: \$200 million  
Type: Discretionary/ Competitive Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)  
Purpose: To expand service capacity at the State and local levels in response to significant events that cannot reasonably be expected within the formula-funded program  
Eligible Recipients: States, with 85% suballocation to local Workforce Investment Boards  
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/recovery/>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>  
Contact: DOLETA – National Emergency Grants  
(877) 889-5627

### Grants:

#### **YouthBuild**

Amount: \$50 million

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Type: Competitive grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA)  
DOLETA – Division of Youth Services  
Purpose: To provide funding for projects to assist high-risk youth (ages 16-24) to complete their high school education and learn housing construction job skills through work on low-income and affordable housing building or rehab  
Eligible Recipients: Nonprofit organizations  
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/recovery/>  
[http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/YouthBuild.cfm#content](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm#content)  
Contact: DOLETA – Division of Youth Services  
(202) 693-3030

### Grants:

#### Green Jobs, High-Growth Industry Training and Placement

Amount: \$500 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration (DOLETA)  
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Purpose: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.  
Eligible Recipients: States and Workforce Investment Boards  
Website: <http://www2.illinoisbiz.biz/econ/default.htm>  
Contact: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
312-814-7179

### Grants:

#### Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Amount: \$120 million  
Type: Formula grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration  
Purpose: To provide funding for community service and work-based subsidized training programs for low-income persons over age 55  
Eligible Recipients: States and 18 designated national nonprofits, often with subgrants to Area Agencies on Aging or other local implementers  
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/recovery>  
<http://www.doleta.gov/seniors>  
Contact: DOLETA – Senior Community Service Employment Program  
(877) 889-5627

### Grants:

#### Job Corps Program

Amount: \$250 million  
Type: Competitive grants

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Administrator: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)  
Office of Job Corps  
Purpose: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.  
Eligible Recipients: Office of Job Corps, for internal priorities  
Website: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/training/jobcorps.htm>  
<http://www.jobcorps.gov/>  
Contact: Job Corps Program  
(202) 693-3000

### Grants:

#### **Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers**

Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million nationally  
Agency: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Type: Discretionary grants  
Description: Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.  
Website: <http://www2.illinoisbiz.biz/econ/default.htm>  
Contact: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
312-814-7179

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## Health

### Community Health Centers

The Recovery Act provides a total of \$2 billion for Community Health Centers over the next two years, in order to reduce health care costs by meeting basic health needs for uninsured Americans.

On March 2, President Obama announced the release of \$155 million in Recovery Act funds – the first installment of this \$2 billion appropriation – to support 126 Community Health Centers across the country. These grants totaling \$155 million alone will help provide health services to 750,000 Americans and create 5,500 jobs.

A list of the 126 Community Health Centers receiving this first installment of Recovery Act funding for Community Health Centers can be found at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html>

#### Grants:

#### Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

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| Amount:              | \$86.6 billion  |
| Type:                | Formula grants  |
| Administrator:       | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS)<br>HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination                             |
| Purpose:             | To protect and maintain State Medicaid programs by temporarily increasing Medicaid Federal medical assistance percentage    |
| Eligible Recipients: | 50 States and the District of Columbia, with special one-time election provision for territories                            |
| Website:             | <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/medicaidfmap.html">http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/medicaidfmap.html</a> |
| Contact:             | HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination<br>202-619-0257   |

#### Grants:

#### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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| Amount:              | \$2.5 billion  |
| Type:                | Competitive grants   |
| Administrator:       | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS)<br>HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination                      |
| Purpose:             | To improve the infrastructure of community health centers and address shortages in the health care workforce (FQHCs) |
| Eligible Recipients: | Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHCs)   |

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Websites: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>  
<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>  
Contact: HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
202-619-0257

### Grants:

#### Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants

Amount: \$155 million  
Type: Formula grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS)  
HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
Purpose: Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.  
Eligible Recipients: 126 community-based organizations that submitted highly-rated but unfunded applications to become New Access Points in FY 2008  
Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html>  
<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
202-619-0257

### Grants:

#### National Health Service Corps

Amount: \$300 million  
Type: Competitive grants and loans  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS)  
HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
Purpose: To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional in underserved communities  
Eligible Recipients: Qualified clinics  
Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>  
<http://www.hss.gov/recovery>  
Contact: HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
202-619-0257

### Grants:

#### Health Care Workforce

Amount: \$200 million nationally  
Office: Bureau of Health Professions  
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration  
Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment  
Description: To provide for training of health professions  
Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

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Contact: 1-877-696-6775

### Grants:

#### National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director

Amount: \$8.7 billion  
Type: Short-term grants and any funding mechanisms and authorities at the Agency's disposal that maximize scientific and health benefit  
Administrator: NIH – Office of the Director  
Purpose: To provide funding for specific scientific challenges, new research that expands the scope of ongoing projects, and research on public and international health priorities; and to fund construction and renovation of NIH buildings and facilities  
Eligible Recipients: Contact NIH  
Website: [http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement\\_arra.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm)  
Contact: NIH – Office of the Director  
301-496-4000

### Grants:

#### National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Research Resources

Amount: \$1.3 billion  
Type: Grants and contracts  
Administrator: NIH – Nation Center for Research Resources  
Purpose: To repair, renovate or construct extramural research facilities and to acquire shared instrumentation and other research equipment  
Eligible Recipients: Contact NIH  
Website: [http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/the\\_american\\_recovery\\_and\\_reinvestment\\_act/](http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/the_american_recovery_and_reinvestment_act/)  
Contact: NIH – National Center for Research Resources  
(301) 435-0888

### Grants:

#### Prevention and Wellness Program

Amount: \$1 billion  
Type: Competitive grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS)  
HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
Purpose: To fight preventable diseases and conditions with evidence-based strategies.  
Eligible Recipients: Contact NIH  
Website: [http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/the\\_american\\_recovery\\_and\\_reinvestment\\_act/](http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/the_american_recovery_and_reinvestment_act/)  
Contact: NIH – National Center for Research Resources  
(301) 435-0888

### Grants:

#### Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

Amount: \$1.1 billion

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Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
Purpose: To facilitate comparative effectiveness research (CER) used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare the clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition  
Eligible Recipients: Agencies within HHS; other government agencies; private sector entities with CER experience  
Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/cer/index.html>  
Contact: HSS – Office of Recovery Act Coordination  
202-619-0257

### Grants:

#### Health Information Technology Grants

Amount: \$2 billion  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT)  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Purpose: To oversee the development and implementation of a nationwide health information technology (HIT) infrastructure  
Eligible Recipients: Consumer advocacy groups and nonprofits that work in the public interest on the Federal adoption of privately developed standards  
Website: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt>  
Contact: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology  
Department of Health and Human Services  
202-690-7151

### Grants:

#### Health Information Technology Improvements

Amount: \$17 billion  
Type: Grant  
Administrator: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT)  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Purpose: To improve investments and incentives, through Medicare and Medicaid, to ensure widespread adoption and use of health information technology and electronic health records.  
Eligible Recipients: Hospitals and Physicians  
Website: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt>  
Contact: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology  
Department of Health and Human Services  
202-690-7151

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### Grant:

#### Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million  
Type: Loans and Block Grants  
Administrator: Rural housing service  
Purpose: To support grants and loans for critical community facilities in rural communities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.  
Eligible Recipients: Multi-State, regional, private, non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations  
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>  
Contact: 1-202-720-4323

### Grant:

#### NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

Amount: \$200 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: National Institutes of Health  
NIH – Office of the Director  
Purpose: Support research on topic areas which address specific scientific and health research challenges that would benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds  
Eligible Recipients: Domestic research institutions/organizations  
Website: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\\_award/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/)  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-003.html>  
Contact: NIH - Office of the Director:  
301-496-4000  
NIH - Office of Extramural Research:  
[OER-ARRA@mail.nih.gov](mailto:OER-ARRA@mail.nih.gov)

## Public Safety

### Grants:

#### Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Amount: \$210 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
DHS - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Purpose: To provide funding for modifying, upgrading or constructing fire stations and nonaffiliated EMS organizations.

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Eligible Recipients: Fire stations and nonaffiliated EMS organizations  
Website: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/grants/afgp/index.shtm>  
<http://www.fema.gov/recovery/>  
Contact: FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grants, help desk  
(866) 274-0960

### Grants:

#### Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program

Agency: \$2 billion  
Type: Formula Grants  
Administrator: Department of Justice (DOJ)  
DOJ - Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)  
Purpose: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.  
Eligible Recipients: State and local agencies  
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryjag.html>  
Contact: BJA - Office of Justice Programs  
1-866-859-2687  
BJA – Recovery  
[JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov](mailto:JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov)

### Grants:

#### Byrne Competitive Grants

Amount: \$225 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: Department of Justice (DOJ)  
DOJ - Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)  
Purpose: To provide funding for broad-based public safety prevention, intervention, and suppression activities; law enforcement personnel; community-policing; prosecution and court programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment and enforcement; planning and evaluation; technology improvements; crime victim and witness programs, etc.  
Eligible Recipients: Local, State, and Tribal governments, and non-profit organizations  
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>  
Contact: BJA - Office of Justice Programs  
1-866-859-2687  
BJA – Recovery  
[JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov](mailto:JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov)

### Grants:

#### Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

Amount: \$1 billion  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

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DOJ - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Purpose: To provide funding for hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers

Eligible Recipients: Local, State, and federally-recognized Tribal governments, and other multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>

Contact: COPS Office Response Center  
(800) 421-6770

### Grants:

#### **STOP Violence Against Women Program**

Amount: \$175 million

Type: Formula funding

Administrator: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)  
DOJ - Office on Violence Against Women

Purpose: To provide funding for law enforcement, prosecution, and victim services enhancements, such as training public safety and court related personnel, expanding specialized units, enhancing technology, etc.

Eligible Recipients: States, with required local and nonprofit suballocation percentages for various law enforcement and victim services

Website: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>  
[http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm)

Contact: OVW STOP Unit  
(202) 307-6026

### Grants:

#### **Transitional Housing Assistance Program**

Amount: \$50 million

Type: Competitive Grants

Administrator: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)  
DOJ - Office on Violence Against Women

Purpose: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.

Eligible Recipients: Local, State, and Tribal governments, and certain qualified nonprofit service providers

Website: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>  
[http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm)

Contact: OVW STOP Unit  
(202) 307-6026

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### Grants:

#### Victims Assistance and Compensation

Amount: \$100 million  
Type: Formula Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)  
DOJ - Office for Victims of Crime  
Purpose: To provide services and compensation victims of criminal violence.  
Eligible Recipients: States with an established crime victim compensation program  
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html>  
Contact: DOJ – Office of Victims of Crime  
(800) 851-3420

### Grants

#### Rural Law Enforcement

Amount: \$125 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)  
Purpose: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural areas.  
Eligible Recipients: Local, State, and Tribal governments, and national, regional and local non-profit organizations  
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryRuralLE.pdf>  
Contact: BJA – Office of Justice Programs  
(866) 859-2687

### Grants

#### Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)

Amount: \$30 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)  
Purpose: To provide assistance to local law enforcement along the Southwestern border or in High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to combat criminal drug activity.  
Eligible Recipients: Local law enforcement  
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoverySouthernBorder.pdf>  
Contact: BJA – Office of Justice Programs  
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### Grants:

#### Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

Amount: \$50 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Administrator: Department of Justice (DOJ) – Office of Justice Programs (OJP)  
DOJ OJP– Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Purpose: To enhance responses to offenders who use computer technology to sexually exploit children, including forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.  
Eligible Recipients: Public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges, and tribal governments) and private organizations (including faith-based and community organizations)  
Website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>  
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=121>  
Contact: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
(202) 307–5911

## Child Care

### Grants:

#### Child Care and Development Fund

Amount: \$2 billion  
Type: Formula Grants  
Administrator: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
HHS - Administration for Children and Families  
Purpose: To provide subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with providers to low-income working families.  
Eligible Recipients: States  
Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/law/guidance/current/pi2009-03/pi2009-03.htm>  
Contact: Kathleen Penak, Child Care Bureau Regional V Program Manager  
(312) 353-3270

### Grants:

#### Head Start / Early Start Programs

Amount: \$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program nationally. \$26,953,151 for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families  
Description: Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide

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development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

Contact: 1-877-696-6775

### Grants:

#### Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Amount: \$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) nationally. \$47,572,435 for Illinois

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services -Administration for Children and Families

Description: Provides funding to local community action agencies for services for the growing number of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, food pantry assistance, as well as benefits, outreach, and enrollment.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/>

Contact: 1-877-696-6775

### Grant:

#### Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million nationally

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Contact: 1-202-720-4323

### Grants:

#### Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$70 million nationally

Agency: Department of Education

Type: Formula funding to States

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

Contact: 1-800-872-5327

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## Education

\$400.7 million will be allocated in grants directly to local Illinois school districts using an existing federal formula. An additional \$2.1 billion was given to the state of Illinois through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and will be distributed through the State Board of Education (<http://www.isbe.state.il.us>).

### Grant:

#### State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Amount: \$53.6 billion, \$2.1 billion for Illinois  
Administrators: State Governor  
Description: To provide fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.  
Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>  
  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Phone number: 217-782-5886

### Grant:

#### IDEA Special Education

Amount: \$12.2 billion , \$506 million for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding.  
Administrator: State Department of Education  
Description: To assist States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.  
Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>  
  
State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Phone number: 217-782-5589

### Grant:

#### Education for the Disadvantaged

Amount: \$13 billion  
Type: States will receive formula funding for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.  
Description: Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.  
Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

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State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html>

### Grant:

#### Education Technology

Amount: \$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program, \$26.5 million for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Description: Funds for State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the classroom  
Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Phone: 800-872-5327

### Grant:

#### Vocational Rehabilitation

Amount: \$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants, \$18.2 million for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Description: To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.  
Website: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>  
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>  
Phone: 800-872-5327

### Grant:

#### Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

Amount: \$300 million nationally  
Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education  
Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts  
Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement.  
\$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.  
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>  
Phone number: 800-872-5327

### Grant:

#### Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program.  
Agency: Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences  
Type: Competitive Grants to States  
Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.

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Website: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>

Phone: 202-502-7300

### Grants:

#### **Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

Amount: \$70 million

Agency: Department of Education

Type: Formula funding to States

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

## Higher Education

### Grant:

#### **Student Financial Assistance (Pell Grants)**

Description: To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.

Type: Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Phone: 800-433-3243

### Grant:

#### **College Work Study**

Amount: \$200 million, \$10.1 million

Agency: Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid

Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education

Type: Formula Grants

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html>

State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Phone: 800-433-3243

### Grant:

#### **Rural Community Facilities**

Amount: \$130 million

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office

Type: Competitive Grants

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Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

Phone: 217-403-6200, 202-720-4323

### Grant:

#### **Independent Living State Grants**

Amount: \$18.2 million, \$570,697 for Illinois

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities

Website: <http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

Phone: 202-245-7404

### Grant:

#### **Services for Older Individuals who are Blind**

Amount: \$34.3 million, \$1.5 million for Illinois

Type: States will receive formula funding

Description: Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.

Website: <http://www.isbe.net/arra/default.htm>

State Funding Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

Phone: 202-245-7404

### Grants:

#### **Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

Amount: \$70 million, \$2 million for Illinois

Agency: Department of Education

Type: Formula funding to States

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

Phone: 202-401-0962

### Grants:

#### **Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Agency: National Park Service

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Funding: \$15 million  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.  
Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>  
HBCU Grants: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>  
<http://www.grants.gov/>  
Phone: 800-518-4726

## Arts

**Grants:**  
**National Endowment of the Arts Competitive Grants**  
Agency: National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities  
Amount: \$30 million  
Type: Competitive Grants (Matching requirement waived )  
Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in financial support.  
Website: [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)  
Helpful Link: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>  
E-mail: [frankelr@arts.gov](mailto:frankelr@arts.gov)

## Food Assistance

**Grant:**  
**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance**  
Amount: \$19.9 billion, \$935.5 million  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Agency: Department of Agriculture  
Purpose: To supplement State's existing food stamp program.  
Description: Funds will temporarily increase benefits provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and help cover administrative and management costs.  
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm>  
State Contacts: [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact\\_info/hotlines.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm)  
Phone: 800-843-6154

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### Grant:

#### Senior Nutrition Programs

Amount: \$100 million, \$2.2 million  
Type: States will receive formula funding  
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging  
Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."  
Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.  
Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/>  
Phone: 202- 619-0724

### Grant:

#### School Lunch Program

Amount: \$100 million, \$3.3 million  
Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state  
Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA  
Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.  
Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.  
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/>  
Phone: 703-305-2286

### Grant:

#### Emergency Food Assistance

Amount: \$150 million, \$3.8 million for Illinois  
Type: States will receive formula funding.  
Agency: Department of Agriculture  
Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food providers.  
Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.  
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>  
Phone: 217-782-2491

### Grant:

#### Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program

Amount: \$500 million  
Type: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary  
Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA  
Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.  
Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates  
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>  
Phone: 800-323-4769

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## Telecommunications

### Grants:

#### Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Amount: \$4.7 billion  
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/about.html>  
Phone: 202-482-2000

### Grants:

#### Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

Amount: \$2.5 billion  
Agency: USDA: Rural Utility Service  
Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.  
Type: Grants and Loans  
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/2009-program/2009%20DLT%20Toolkit%20.pdf>  
Phone: 202-720-9554

### Coupon:

#### Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program

Amount: \$650 million, \$40 coupon available  
Agency: Federal Communications Commission  
Description: Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission. Your TV signal is switching to “digital.” For more than fifty years, TV broadcasters have sent their shows to your TV using “analog” signals. By June 12, full power analog signals will be gone and most of the stations you watch will use only the new digital signals. However your local broadcaster may make the transition before then, and some already have. The converter box will attach to your TV and let you go on getting free TV. With the converter box you can get a better picture and more channels. The antenna you have should work with the box. You can buy a converter box at a retail store. The boxes will cost \$40 to \$70. You can get two \$40 coupons per household from the US Government to help you pay for up to two boxes. (One coupon per box only. Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing.

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Type: coupons to individuals  
Website: <http://www.dtv.gov/>  
Phone: 888-225-5322